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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Reference

FROM:

[redacted]  
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: Reduced Biographic Reporting from FBIS (U)

REFERENCES: A. Your Memorandum of 19 February 1982, same subject

B. My Memorandum of 4 February 1982, same subject

1. As we discussed in our telephone conversation of 4 March 1982, FBIS has designated [redacted] Deputy Chief, Production Group, as our representative to discuss with OCR problems related to biographic reporting. The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify several points raised in reference A. (S)

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2. Regarding the decision to reduce FBIS biographic reporting, the reason was an unexpected, sudden cut in FY 1982 funds that FBIS had budgeted for translations. The cut, which was directed by the DDS&T, included several activities all of which, in our view, were essential. The items included both field collection activities and a number of translation programs in FBIS Headquarters which support various efforts in the Intelligence and Operations Directorates. (S)

3. You may be assured that OCR's valuable biographic program was given due consideration. Every effort was made to avoid complete elimination of FBIS' biographic reporting, so a compromise was reached through alternating the monthly reporting. The purpose of reference B was simply to alert OCR quickly that a reduction of effort was directed so that OCR would be aware of this development. It was not intended to preclude discussion of possible adjustments that could minimize the impact of the reduction. (S)

4. With regard to the comments in para. 4 of reference A on open sources, you can appreciate that there probably is no one more interested in expanding the exploitation of open source material than FBIS. (S)

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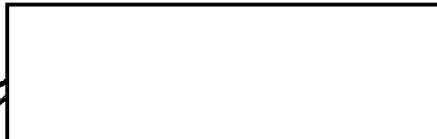
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